ted against the purchase of 'VIM' cleaning powder instead of the Farishta's Cadet cleaning powder which is a prodcct of small scale industry;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) the steps taken to advise Government departments to buy the produce of small scale industry particularly those exclusively reserved for them, such as clelaning powder; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Government Departments have been advised to adhere to the provisions of the Government's purchase policy in regard to products reserved for exclusive purchase from Small Scale Sector.

Release of subsidy on transport

1549. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not so far released the subsidy on transport to various States;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for blocking the release of this subsidy;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh had requested for release of Rs. 24 crores (approx.) since 1977 which is due to it;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the State Government released Rupees three crores as transport subsidy which has not yet been reimbursed by the Central Government; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to release this subsidy for the interest of entrepreneurs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Full amount of subsidy has not been reimbursed to some of the beneficiary States.

(b) Deficiencies were found in the claims submitted by some of the State Govts./Union Territories. Also, the funds are inadequate.

(c) The Transport Subsidy Scheme works on reimbursement basis, a sum of Rs. 4.92 crores (approx) has so far been reimbursed to the State Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Claims amounting to Rs. 24 crores (approx.) have been returned as these have not been disbursed by the State Govt. to the industrial units.

(d) The State Govt. has sent claims for reimbursement of about Rs. 3 crores. Approximately Rs. 47 lakhs have been reimbursed to the State out of this claim. For the rest of the amount clarifications have been sought from the State Govt. which are still awaited.

(e) State Govt. have been asked to expedite clarifications. Efforts are also being made for additional allocation of funds under the Transport Subsidy Scheme.

Properties of TAFCO

1550. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated value of moveable and immoveable properties of the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited.

(b) whether it is a fact the company has more than Rs. 100 crores worth of immoveable properties;

(c) whether the management has been unable to utilise them; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The estimated